

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Mia Scrips

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship: (**responsively**)

From the depths of uncertainty, where shadows of doubt linger, God calls us to trust.

We gather with hope, seeking the light of divine promise.

Look up and count the stars of possibility, more numerous than our fears.

Our faith rises beyond what we can see or understand.

Come, let us worship the God who transforms our limitations.

We open our hearts to receive the promise that transcends our circumstances.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 101 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” HAMBURG

***Unison** Prayer of Confession:

Loving and Merciful God, our vision is often limited by what we can touch and measure, by the immediate challenges around us. We confess our tendency to build walls of self-protection and to trust our own resources rather than your boundless provision. Forgive us when we question your promise. Forgive us when we shrink back from the future you envision. We cling to earthly securities while you offer heavenly citizenship. Our minds fixate on temporary struggles, while you call us into a transformative journey of faith. Wash away our small-minded doubts. Renew our spirits with the courage to believe beyond what we can see. Restore our trust in your unfolding covenant love.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579 – blue hymnal

THE WORD

Anthem

“Near the Cross”

DOANE/HARLAN

Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn – (please see screens) “God, Wrap Your Love Around Us”

Old Testament Scripture Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

New Testament Scripture Luke 13: 31-35

Sermon

“Covenant Journey”

Rev. Eric Longwell

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Sermon on the Mount (**responsively**)

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology – page 592 - blue hymnal

*Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn Insert "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary" GAITHER

*Benediction

*Congregational Response:

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

*Postlude

(*) Congregation Standing

A warm welcome to all those visiting with us today, we are pleased that you are here. As we unite in worship, we pray you are blessed and encouraged as we aim to create an uplifting service for everyone. To connect with you and provide any support you may need, we kindly ask you to fill out the welcome card in the pew racks. Please place it in the offering plate when you are done.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST CONTACT – Linda Prugh – 724-464-8861

GREETERS TODAY – Jeff Schrecengost and Cheryl Hankey

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Eric and Amber Pinkerton

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK – Liam Scrips

HOMEBOUND MEMBER – Jo Foster

Montage Mason, Room 226
5373 Merten Drive
Mason, Ohio 45040

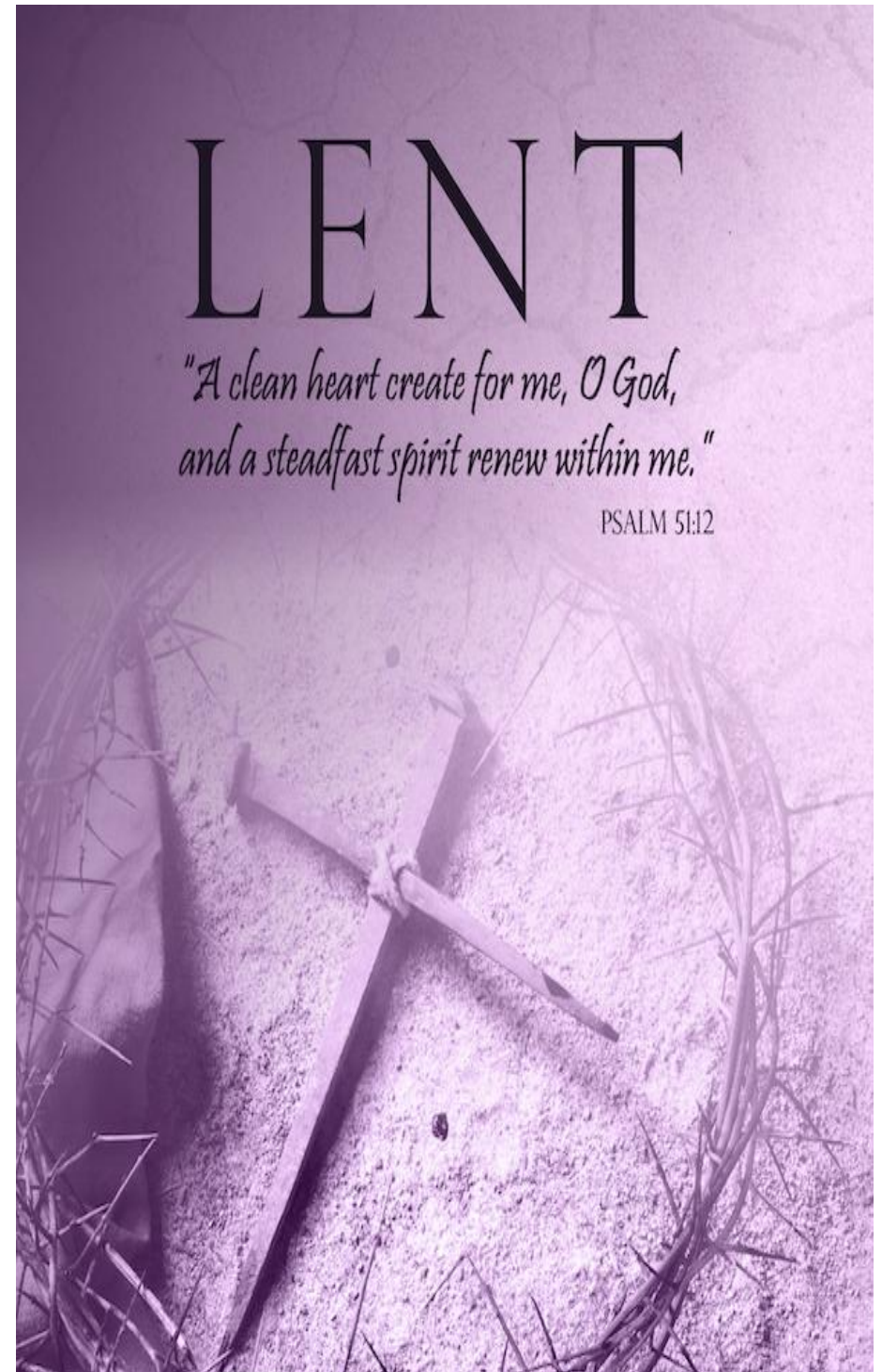
VISITATION TEAMS FOR MARCH

Elders – Sarah Pritt and Terry Johns

Deacons – Amber Pinkerton and Colton Fairman

We want to thank Eric Longwell for sharing the word of God with us this morning.

The Presbyterian Women continue to collect for Blanket Sunday through March. \$10.00 will buy one blanket. Envelopes will be in the vestibules throughout March. Please make checks payable to PW.



TODAY

Hunger Offering – We will collect change for the Hunger Offering, please place your coins in the buckets located in the vestibules.

Bible Study – 4:30 – Chet and Brenda Schall's house. The group will meet every Sunday, except March 23, April 13, and 20. They will continue to study the important topic of "Christianity, Cults and Religion". There is room for more people to join and dinner is provided!

THIS WEEK

March 18 – 6:00 – Session Meeting

6:00 – Deacons Meeting

March 19 – 9:00 AM – Butterfly Hill Preschool Board Meeting

March 20 – 10:00 – 3:00 – Helping Hand

March 20 – 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting

COMING UP

March 23—We will have adult baptism during worship service. If you are interested in being baptized, please see Dr. Angel or Susan.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jennifer Johns requests prayers for her Aunt Sue, who has been battling breast cancer and will undergo a mastectomy.

Blythe Johns asks for ongoing prayers for Michael as he begins aggressive chemotherapy. Blythe also seeks continued prayers for Barbara as she deals with health issues.

Chet Schall requests prayers for his brother, Rich, as he awaits approval from the insurance company for his radiation treatment.

Cassie Clowser asks for prayers for Blaine, who has a high fever.

Linda Prugh requests prayers for people to embrace love and respect.

Sheila Brumbaugh asks for ongoing prayers for her brother Keith, who is back in the hospital and experiencing dizziness and faintness.

OUR JOYS

Nathan Johns received a promotion to the finance department at work.

Bob Griffin is pleased to have his grandson Isaiah and his girlfriend visiting today.

Krista Johnston is filled with joy that baby Maren made her first visit to church.

ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Please pray for Donna Howard, who is experiencing some swelling in her eyes.

Blair Brown will undergo double bypass heart surgery on March 13.

Marcia Elgin requests continued prayers for her brother-in-law, Richard Putney, who has had another stroke. Additionally, Marcia asks for safe travels for Emily and Emira as they travel to Alabama.

Pete Peterman asks for prayers for Sandy. Sandy was having some heart issues and went to the ER.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

If you would like to order Easter Flowers
to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter,
you can place this order form in the offering plate

Make checks payable to EPC

Orders will be taken March 16 - April 6

Your Name _____

Lily - \$10.50 – #Ordered _____ Total \$ _____

Tulips - \$10.50 – (choose color)

Red _____ Orange _____ Pink _____

Yellow _____ White _____ #Ordered _____ Total \$ _____

Hyacinths - \$10.50 (choose color)

Blue _____ White _____ Pink _____ #Ordered _____ Total \$ _____

Total # flowers _____ Total \$ Due _____

Please indicate the correct category of giving –

____ In Memory of Loved Ones

____ In Loving Memory of _____

____ In Honor of _____

